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SUBJ: NARCOTICS SMUGGLING IN BAHAMAS

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1. IN DISCUSSING CURRENT NARCOTICS PROBLEM WITH MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADDERLEY, ON JUNE 14, HE INDICATED THAT GCOB NEEDED TO CHANGE LAW TO EXTEND PRESENT THREE-MILE LIMIT TO 12-MILE CUSTOMS ZONE AND INTENDED TO SEE THIS ACCOMPLISHED. HE ALSO FEELS THAT LEGISLATIVE ACTION IS NEEDED TO AMEND DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT TO SPECIFY PENALTIES RATHER THAN LEAVING SO MUCH TO OPTION OF JUDICIARY. HE ALSO FEELS THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARCHIPELAGO THEORY WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN ARM OF GCOB IN DEALING WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING.

2. I WAS SURPRISED THAT ADDERLEY DID NOT EXPRESS MORE PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THE PROBLEM, HE SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THE LIMITED RESOURCES OF GCOB AND, INDEED, EVEN THE HELP GIVEN BY USG WAS MINISCULE BY COMPARISON TO AMOUNT OF ACTION GOING ON. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE OR ACCEPT THE POTENTIAL HARM WHICH THIS CAN BRING TO THE BAHAMAS. HE EVEN STATED THAT HE KNEW THAT SOME OF THE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS OF

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GCOB HAD ASSISTED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING.

3. ADDERLEY SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF SMALL PLANES GOING IN AND OUT OF THE BAHAMAS WITH DRUGS HAD DECREASED AND LARGER AIRCRAFT WERE NOW BEING USED; ALSO THAT PLEASURE BOATS WERE MORE FREQUENTLY USED THAN THE FISHING BOAT TECHNIQUE OF PAST YEARS.

4. COMMENT: DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND THESE COMMENTS.
ADDERLEY DOES NOT APPEAR AS CONCERNED OVER CURRENT NARCOTICS
SITUATION AS I, IN PERSONAL OPINION, WOULD HAVE EXPECTED HIM
TO BE. POSSIBLY, HE IS MORE PRAGMATIC BUT NONE-THE-LESS
CONCERNED.
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